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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS JUAN DURAN CALLED TODAY TO ASK THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT DO WHAT IT COULD TO EXPEDITE THE PROVISION OF FINAL PAPERS RELATING TO THE LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION TO SPANISH AUTHORITIES. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE RESPONSIBILITY, BUT HE WOULD HOPE IT COULD NEVERTHELESS DO ITS BEST TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS. HE SAID THE SPANISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WOULD ALSO BE APPROACHING THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN THIS REGARD.

2. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE CHURCH COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED AND THAT THE SPANISH ARE NOW WAITING FOR ARE DOCUMENTS EXPECTED TO BE FORTHCOMING FROM LOCKHEED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. HE SAID THAT THE EXPLANATION GIVEN FOR THE DELAY HAS BEEN THAT SUMMER HOLIDAYS HAVE INTERVENED. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THE MEDIA IN SPAIN IS BECOMING MORE INSISTENT ON AN EARLY CONCLUSION OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ISSUE AND THIS IS EMBARRASSING FOR THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE GOS LAST WEEK FORESTALLED AN ATTEMPT BY ONE MAGAZINE TO PUBLISH THE NAMES OF ELEVEN SPANISH OFFICIALS, MOSTLY AIR FORCE GENERALS, ALLEGED TO BE IMPLICATED.) THE GOVERNMENT FEELS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE BUT ITS HANDS ARE TIED UNTIL IT HAS FULL DOCU-

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MENTATION.

3. COMMENT: IT IS TRUE SOME ELEMENTS OF THE PRESS ARE PLAY-
ING UP THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE THUS FAR TO CLARIFY
THE LOCKHEED ISSUE WHILE OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALREADY DONE
SO. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THE MINISTER OF AIR HAS ALSO
EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER THE DELAY IN A MEETING WITH THE
CHIEF OF JUSMG ON ANOTHER ISSUE. HE WANTS TO GET TO THE
BOTTOM OF THE MATTER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. ANYTHING THAT
CAN BE DONE TO EXPEDITE THE DELIVERY OF THE FINAL DOCUMEN-
TATION WOULD BE HELPFUL.
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